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**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. FAILURE TO FILE A TIMELY REGISTRATION RENEWAL FORM AND AN ANNUAL REPORT WILL RESULT IN THE EXPIRATION OF YOUR REGISTERED RIGHTS UNDER THE WATER MANAGEMENT ACT, MGL c. 21G.**

Dear Cranberry Registrant:

This year's Water Management Act (WMA) Cranberry Growers' Annual Report also includes a 10-year Registration Renewal Form. WMA registrations are effective for 10-year periods and will expire on January 1, 2008. You must request renewal prior to January 1, 2008, in order to preserve your registration and your registered water withdrawal rights. Your renewed registration will be effective until January 1, 2018, as long as your acreage remains in cranberry production and you comply with all conditions of your registration. The Department is sending the Registration Renewal Form with the Annual Report Form so that growers can complete both forms and return them together by February 28, 2007.

**If you have a WMA permit and do not have a registration**, then you do not need to file a Registration Renewal Request. **If you have both a WMA permit and registration**, then you must file a Registration Renewal Request. If you do not file a Registration Renewal Request, you must file a WMA Permit Application if you wish to continue to make a withdrawal above the threshold volume (9 million gallons over 3 months). For cranberry growers, the "threshold volume" is represented by 4.6 acres of "old-style" bog, or 9.3 acres of "new-style" bog that has been certified by the County Conservation District office. The threshold acreage is the total acreage a registrant has in cultivation within a water source (the 27 major river basins in Massachusetts).

If you want to renew your Water Management Act Registration, please sign the enclosed Registration Renewal Request Form for Cranberry Growers and return it to the Department with your Annual Report Form by February 28, 2007. The Department will conduct a compliance review and will contact you if we need any additional information. The Department will send a statement confirming your registration renewal after we complete the compliance review.

Please keep a copy of the documents for your files. Contact Jim McLaughlin in our Lakeville Office at (508) 946-2805 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Duane LeVangie, Program Chief  
Water Management Program

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

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